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# HUNTING IN 2023

## The number of hunters increased

In 2023, as compared to 2022, the total number of hunters increased by 4.4%. The number of members of associations also increased by 5.2%, while the number of hunters-in-training, that is, future hunters decreased by 67.0%.

## The kill of wild boars increased

In 2023, the kill of deer decreased by 5.6%, with 6 682 heads killed, while the kill of roe deer amounted to 17 644 heads, which was a decrease of 1.3%. The kill of hares increased by 3.7%, while the kill of common pheasants decreased by 6.1% compared to 2022.

In 2023 compared to 2022, the kill of wild boars increased by 2.3%, with 50 030 heads killed, while the kill of other birds increased by 1.5%. The kill of water fowls remained at approximately the same level.

## 1 HUNTERS

	2022	2023	Indices 2023 2022
Hunters – total	65 402	68 292	104,4
Members of associations <sup>1)</sup>	64 715	68 065	105,2
Trainees	687	227	33,0

1) Members of the Croatian Hunting Federation as well as external hunters who are not members, but are registered with the Federation.

## 2 GAME KILL

	Total		Indices 2023 2022
	2022	2023	
Deer (all types)	7 080	6 682	94,4
Roe deer	17 879	17 644	98,7
Wild boar	48 893	50 030	102,3
Hare, '000	27	28	103,7
Common pheasant, '000	66	62	93,9
Water fowls, various types, '000	58	58	100,0
Other birds, '000 <sup>1)</sup>	66	67	101,5

1) In accordance with applicable regulations in the field of hunting.

## NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

### Sources and methods of data collection

Data for the Annual Report on Hunting in 2023 were taken over from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries – Directorate of Forestry, Hunting and Wood Industry and the Croatian Hunting Federation for the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 (hunting year).

Since 2006, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries – Directorate of Forestry, Hunting and Wood Industry has taken charge of keeping the records on the management of hunting grounds and game. The management includes breeding, protection, hunting and usage of game and its parts.

Data on killed game are given on the basis of the central hunting register.

### Coverage and comparability

Reporting units are legal entities and parts thereof as well as natural persons engaged in the activity of breeding, protection, hunting and usage of game and its parts. Reporting units were taken over from databases of the Croatian Forests, the Croatian Hunting Federation and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries – Directorate of Forestry, Hunting and Wood Industry.

**Definitions**

**Hunters** are persons who passed the testing for hunters and are engaged in basic missions concerning hunting: breeding, protection, hunting and using of game and its parts, provided that they respect hunting customs and ethics.

**Hunting year** is the period lasting from 1 April of the current year to 31 March of the following year.

**Abbreviations**

'000            thousand

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